

# Evaluating the Negative Symptoms of Schizophrenia in Clinical Trials: A Public Meeting

Friday, August 16, 2024, from 9am to 4pm EDT

## Agenda

<b>9 am</b>	<b>Welcome (5 min)</b>
<b>9:05 am</b>	<b>Introduction: (20 min)</b>
<b>9:25 am</b>	<b>Opening Remarks: Lived Experience (15 min)</b> <b>Topics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How negative symptoms impact people</li><li>• What is important to target?</li></ul>
<b>9:40 am</b>	<b>Session 1: Brain Circuits and Relationship to Cognition (30 min)</b> This session will be a brief overview of the current science on neurotransmitter systems and brain circuits related to negative symptoms
<b>10:10 am</b>	<b>10-minute Break</b>
<b>10:20 am</b>	<b>Session 2: Study Design (80 min)</b> This session will focus on challenges in designing studies to assess effectiveness for negative symptoms.  <b>Topics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designing studies of drugs to be administered adjunctive to antipsychotics</li><li>• Designing studies of drugs to be administered as monotherapy</li><li>• Identifying appropriate participants</li><li>• Duration of studies</li></ul>
<b>11:40 am</b>	<b>Lunch (60 min)</b>
<b>12:40 pm</b>	<b>Session 3: Outcomes Part 1, Scales (80 min)</b> This session will focus on issues related to clinical outcome measures for the negative symptoms of schizophrenia.  <b>Topics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of traditional scales</li><li>• New assessments</li><li>• Considerations for clinical trial outcome measures (e.g., sensitivity to change, ease of use)</li><li>• Digital phenotyping</li></ul>

All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time

**2 pm**      **10-minute Break**

**2:10 pm**      **Session 4: Outcomes Part 2, Meaningfulness (80 min)**

This session will focus on the cultural considerations of assessing negative symptoms and how to establish a clinically meaningful change.

**Topics:**

- Cultural differences in assessing negative symptoms
- Determining a clinically meaningful difference

**3:30 pm**      **Wrap-up**

**4 pm**      **Adjourn**